



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Santa Ana Region



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ADOPTION OF A VESSEL WASTE PROGRAM FOR NEWPORT BAY AND HUNTINGTON HARBOUR TO ENSURE PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUMPOUT AND DUMP FACILITIES

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the Vessel Waste Program for Huntington Harbour and Newport Bay. The Vessel Waste Program includes operation, maintenance and inspection requirements that are necessary to implement the State Board General Order No. [2004-0017-DWQ](#) (General Order). The State Board adopted the General Order on November 18, 2004 in response to recommendations by the Regional Board that additional pumpouts and dump facilities in Newport Bay and Huntington Harbour are needed to ensure adequate protection of the water quality of these bays. The General Order adopted by the State Board requires specific vessel terminal owners/operators in Huntington Harbour and Newport Bay to install pumpout and dump facilities. The proposed Vessel Waste Program to be considered by the Regional Board will require specific vessel terminal owners/operators, the cities of Newport Bay and Huntington Beach, and the County of Orange to implement an operation, maintenance and inspection program for vessel pumpouts and dump facilities.

The Regional Board is seeking comments on this matter and, toward that end, will conduct a public hearing as follows:

Date: February 3, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: City of Santa Ana
22 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA

The proposed Vessel Waste Program, the State Board's adopted General Order, and a staff report discussing this issue will be available for review after January 10, 2005. Copies of these reports are available upon request to Board staff at (951) 782-4130 or may be obtained from the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana>. These reports may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the Regional Board office at (951) 782-4130. For additional information please contact Pavlova Vitale at (951) 782-4920. Please bring this matter to the attention of those known to you with an interest in this matter.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the hearing. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, written copies of oral comments are requested. Comments should be submitted to Pavlova Vitale at the Regional Board office address listed above or by e-mail to pvitale@waterboards.ca.gov. Written responses to comments received by January 11, 2005 will be prepared.

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board Public Hearing should contact Catherine Ehrenfeld at (951) 782-3285 no later than January 20, 2005.

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